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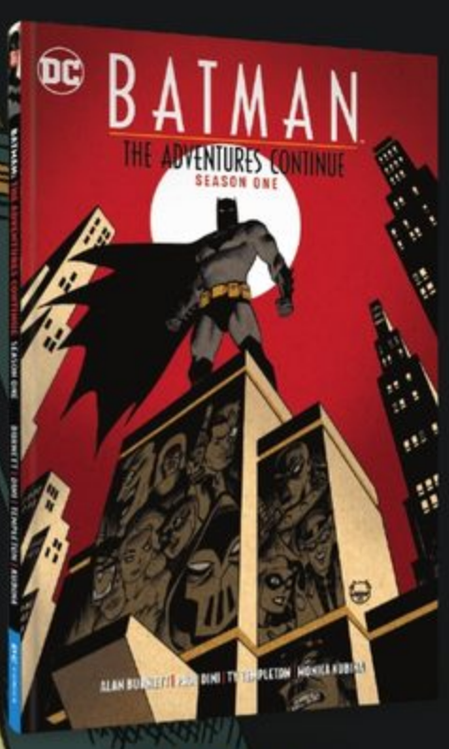

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When you encounter a **monster** in a **fairy tale,** there is usually some kind of **lesson** attached.

You know.

See no evil.

Hear no evil.

Speak no evil. That kind of thing.

Which leads to **one conclusion:**

It's the **monsters** who teach us how to be **good.**

J-JANET?

JANET FROM HR?

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YOU CAN SPEAK?

YOU KNOW WHO I AM?!

WE'VE MET BEFORE.

AT THE CH-CHEMICAL PLANT. OUTSIDE GOTHAM.

I SAVED YOU FROM THE F-FIRE. WHEN IT BLEW UP.*

*all the way back in the GOTHAM CITY VILLAINS ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL #1! --Arianna

YOU.

You're the plant lady.

I'M AFRAID SO.

WAIT A MINUTE.

YOU SET THAT FIRE. YOU BLEW UP THE CHEMICAL PLANT.

YEAH. SORRY.

IT WAS A WORK THING. NOTHING PERSONAL.

BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COUNTRY? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

YOUR BOSS.

SH-SHE CAUGHT ME IN HERE AND ACTIVATED SOME KIND OF AEROSOL THAT'S S-SUPPRESSING MY ABILITY TO CONTROL THE LAMIA SPORES.

THE WHAT?

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

PLEASE... I NEED YOUR HELP...

MY HELP?!

Oh no. Ohhhh no.

I ALREADY LOST ONE JOB BECAUSE OF YOU. I'M NOT GOING THROUGH ALL THAT AGAIN.

JANET--IF I DON'T REVERSE THIS SOON, THERE WILL BE NOTHING OF ME LEFT.

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MY HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

HOW MANY OF MY BOSSES DO YOU PLAN TO MURDER?!

HHHNNG!

I can feel it **breaking** over me.

THE GREEN.

Pulling me back **into itself.** Erasing the **boundaries** between **me** and **we.**

Are you... OKAY?

PLEASE... JUST HELP ME FIND AN ANTIDOTE FOR WHATEVER CRAWLEY GAVE ME. THERE MUST BE ONE HERE IN THE LAB.

I'LL OWE YOU A FAVOR. A BIG ONE.

OKAY, OKAY!

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR?

I'LL... I'LL FOLLOW YOU...

FOLLOW ME? HOW? WHEN YOU'RE--A-- A WALL?

But I am so much more than that.

Oh.

I am more than myself.

WHAT IF I GET CAUGHT?

THEN I'LL PROTECT YOU.

Ugh, IT TALKS!

IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, THIS IS WEIRD FOR ME, TOO.

THIS IS LIKE BEING IN AN R-RATED REMAKE OF LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS...

...I hate how accurate that is.

HOW DID YOU END UP HERE, ANYWAY?

WELL... THERE WAS... THIS GUY...

...HE WAS SMART. HE WAS FUNNY. I THOUGHT I WAS IN LOVE. YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES.

I CAME OUT HERE FOR HIM. GOT A JOB AT THIS PLACE. THINGS WERE GOING GREAT.

AND THEN I GOT SICK.

I WAS SO HAPPY THE DAY BEFORE I GOT MY DIAGNOSIS.

I THOUGHT-- THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHERE THE REST OF MY LIFE STARTS.

WEDDING BELLS. WHITE PICKET FENCE. KIDS PLAYING IN THE BACK-YARD.

BUT WHEN I TOLD HIM I HAD A TUMOR ON MY LIVER, HE JUST... GHOSTED ME.

I THOUGHT LOVE WAS ABOUT TACKLING THE HARD STUFF TOGETHER.

...I'm *sorry.* I didn't *realize.* SO YOU'RE... I'm *sorry.*

YEAH, WELL, SORRY OR NOT, NOW YOU KNOW WHY I NEED THIS JOB. I'VE GOT *SURGERY* SCHEDULED *NEXT MONTH.*

SO *PLEASE* DON'T KILL MY *BOSS. AGAIN.* OKAY?

I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMIS-- *WAIT.*

IN *HERE.*

CREEAAAK

LOOK AT ALL THIS *WEIRD STUFF.*

WHAT DOES IT *DO?*

MS. CRAWLEY STUDIED WITH THE *SCIENTIST* WHO *MADE* ME WHAT I *AM.*

WHATEVER SHE'S DOING IN HERE, YOU CAN BE SURE THERE ARE NO *ETHICAL SAFEGUARDS* IN PLACE.

SO MY BOSS IS A LITERAL *EVIL GENIUS?*

SO IT WOULD *SEEM.*

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WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT DID YOU TOUCH?!

I HAVE NO IDEA!

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I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING AT!

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HNNGH--

THE GREEN is calling me home.

J-JANET-- HURRY--

It's getting harder and harder to ignore.

THE PINK STUFF--

I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE YOU.

THINGS COULD GET VERY UGLY VERY FAST.

SO.

NOW MY **EMPLOYEES** ARE ENGAGING IN **CORPORATE ESPIONAGE.**

I--I'M JUST TRYING TO **HELP** HER-- *My--it--*

YOU **PEOPLE.**

YOU EXPECT YOUR **EVERY NEED** TO BE CATERED TO-- YOU EXPECT YOUR **EMPLOYERS** TO **NANNY** YOU WHILE YOU WORK NO MORE THAN 39½ HOURS A **WEEK--**

--AND AFTER *ALL THAT,* YOU HAVE **NO LOYALTY.**

LOYALTY? I SPENT LIKE ***HALF AN HOUR*** TRYING TO CONVINCE THE ***PLANT MONSTER*** TO ***SPARE*** YOUR ***LIFE.***

AND NOW I GET A LECTURE ABOUT ***LOYALTY*** FROM THE ***BOSS LADY*** WHO IS ***SUPER FEMINIST*** UNTIL IT'S TIME TO GIVE EMPLOYEES ***MATERNITY LEAVE.***

OOF!

SCREW IT.

KNK

IF THAT ***SERUM*** LEAVES THIS ***FACILITY,*** I'LL ***SUE*** YOU INTO THE ***GROUND!***

GOOD THING IT'S ***NOT*** LEAVING THE FACILITY THEN!

UNGRATEFUL LITTLE *TRAMP--*

GET BACK HERE!

AH!

GET AWAY FROM THERE--

DO YOU THINK I *WANT* TO DEPEND ON *YOU* FOR MY *BASIC SURVIVAL?*

DO YOU THINK I *WANT* TO HAVE TO *KISS YOUR BUTT* JUST SO I CAN SEE A *DOCTOR?*

I NEVER *WANTED* TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN *YOU* AND A *MONSTER.*

BUT SINCE THOSE ARE THE *ONLY* CHOICES THAT I'VE GOT...

...MY CHOICE IS *CLEAR.*

HYAH!

I can feel myself **reenter** my **body.**

One day, I **will** be **one** with **THE GREEN...** and **never** come back again.

But not **today.**

AAAAH!

NO... You *fool...*

...YOU'VE LET IT ***LOOSE...***

YOU THINK THIS ***THING*** WILL ***PROTECT*** YOU?

YOU THINK IT WON'T ***TURN*** ON YOU--

--THE WAY IT HAS ***EVERYONE ELSE*** IN ITS PATH?

I--

But **Crawley** doesn't **hang around** to hear Janet-from-HR's **answer.**

She's a **wounded animal** now.

And I can afford to be a **merciful predator.**

Gah!

Until **forced** to **reconsider**, usually by an **unexpected** turn of events, **every** person thinks herself **righteous.**

STOP ***RUNNING.*** JUST ***FACE*** ME. YOUR ***DIGNITY*** IS WORTH MORE THAN ***THIS.***

NO! STAY ***AWAY!***

YOU ***KNEW.***

YOU ***KNEW*** THIS ***TECHNOLOGY*** WAS ***POISONING*** THE ***FIELDS*** AND THE ***PEOPLE*** WHO ***LIVE*** HERE, AND YOU DID ***NOTHING.***

DID ***NOTHING?***

WHEN I FOUND OUT, I PUSHED OUR TECH EVEN ***HARDER.***

I SOLD IT TO ***BIG ENERGY FIRMS.*** I GOT ON ***TV*** AND ***PRAISED*** IT.

I WAS READY TO TAKE DR. WOODRUE'S VISION TO THE ***WHOLE WORLD.*** THIS WAS THE ***FINAL*** PIECE OF HIS ***BEAUTIFUL PUZZLE.***

PEOPLE LIKE *YOU* MAKE *PERFECT* THE ENEMY OF *GOOD ENOUGH.*

YOU'LL *BURN* THE *WORLD* DOWN BEFORE YOU'LL *COMPROMISE.* AND THEN YOU'LL DECLARE YOURSELF *QUEEN* OF THE *ASHES.*

YOU'RE A *BIGGER FRAUD* THAN I AM!

Maybe she's **right.**

But that doesn't make her **blameless.**

JANET *ASKED* ME NOT TO *KILL* YOU.

AND I OWE HER A *FAVOR.*

SO I *WON'T.*

My God-- WHAT-- *HOW--*

--WHAT ARE YOU--

S-STOP! IT HURTS!

She will live.

In fact, she will probably **outlive** all of **us.**

IS IT *RIDICULOUS* TO ASK IF YOU'RE *OKAY?*

N-NO, IT'S *NOT.* I MEAN IT'S *NOT* DUMB, AND I'M *NOT* OKAY.

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO *BE* LIKE THIS.

I HAD A GOOD JOB. A BOY-FRIEND. *A LIFE.*

AND NOW I HAVE *NO* JOB, *NO* BOYFRIEND...

...AND A *GROWTH* ON MY *LIVER.*

WHY DO YOU WANT TO *SAVE* ALL THIS?

THIS IS A *FLIPPING NIGHTMARE!*

AND THANKS TO *YOU,* I DON'T EVEN HAVE *HEALTH INSURANCE...*

I'LL *HELP.* WHATEVER YOU *NEED.*

I NEED *SURGERY* THAT IS *THOUSANDS* OF DOLLARS *MORE* THAN I CAN *AFFORD.*

I DOUBT EVEN *YOU* CAN PULL *FIFTY GRAND* OUT OF THE *AIR.*

FOR YOUR *INFORMATION*, I WENT TO *MEDICAL SCHOOL.*

IF YOU'RE OFFERING TO DO THE SURGERY *YOURSELF*, MY ANSWER IS *HELL NO.*

THAT'S NOT WHAT I *MEAN.* THERE ARE DOCTORS AT THE *BEST HOSPITAL* IN *SEATTLE* WHO OWE ME FAVORS.

DOCTORS WHO ARE, LIKE... *REGULAR PEOPLE?*

DOCTORS WHO ARE *REALLY GOOD SURGEONS.*

I *HATE* THAT YOU'RE ALL I HAVE *LEFT.*

A *MONSTER* WHO SCARES THE *HELL* OUT OF ME.

I SCARE THE HELL OUT OF *EVERYBODY ELSE*, TOO.

SO YOU'RE *SAFE.*

COME ON.

LET'S GET *OUT* OF HERE.

When I started this, I told myself I didn't ***need*** *anybody.*

SKREEE

HRRK

What I ***didn't*** *count on...*

SEATTLE

...was that other people would end up needing **me.**

Hospital

The **monster.**

ARE YOU *PAM?*

YEAH, THAT'S *ME.*

YOU CAN GO IN AND *SEE* HER NOW. SHE'S STILL A LITTLE *WOOZY.*

HEY, KID.

HEY. HI.

TH-THANKS FOR *WAITING.*

YOU DON'T HAVE TO *THANK* ME.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

JUST... *SAD.*

IS THAT *WEIRD?*

I DON'T KNOW.

EVEN IF IT IS, IT DOESN'T *MATTER.*

WILL YOU *STAY* WITH ME? EVEN IF I *FALL ASLEEP?*

... I'LL STAY AS LONG AS YOU NEED ME TO.

NEXT:
A WONDERFULLY USELESS EVENING.

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– Alan Burnett

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DC UNIVERSE LAZARUS PLANET

HEROES TRANSFORMED. SECRETS REVEALED.
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ART BY RICCARDO FEDERICI, BILLY TAN, AND MORE

GET AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE CATACLYSMIC EVENT

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"NEW HEROES WILL BE BORN AND EXISTING HEROES' POWERS WILL BE CHANGED FOREVER."

In the climax of December's *Batman vs. Robin* #4, a Lazarus Volcano erupts, spewing dangerous and transformative chemicals into Earth's atmosphere.

"That much magic can't be contained—so when it erupts it spews out Lazarus Resin and creates a violent 'rainstorm' that covers the world," explains Mark Waid, the superstar writer and architect of the DC Universe: Lazarus Planet event.

Waid has been no stranger to the DC Universe this past year, penning the bestselling series B*atman/Superman: World's Finest* and *Batman vs. Robin*, which set the stage for this event, beginning in January's *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* #1.

"In *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, we introduced the Devil Nezha, an ancient evil that could be contained only within the tomb on a remote island," Waid says. "Once our heroes sealed him inside, we sprung the surprise reveal—the tomb is on Lazarus Island. Then in *Batman vs. Robin*, we learn that Mother Soul, Damian's great-grandmother on his al Ghul side, has been searching for Nezha and used Damian to unleash him once more."

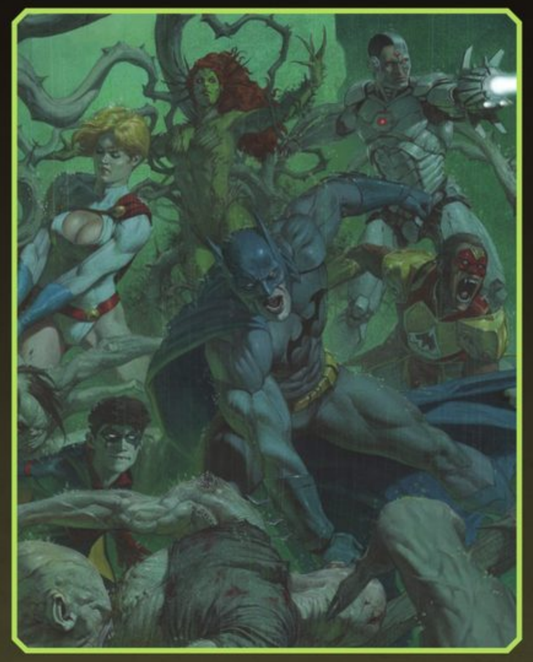
"NEZHA IS A TRICKSTER GOD WHO OFTEN DANCES ON THAT LINE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL."

Helping craft the two-month Lazarus Planet event alongside Waid will be *Monkey Prince* writer Gene Luen Yang. "Traditionally, Nezha is a trickster god who often dances on that line between good and evil," Yang says. "In *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, Mark brought him into the DC Universe and specifically tied him into elements of the Batman mythos."

The Lazarus Volcano will make its rumblings known throughout the DC Universe in a series of one-shots helmed by all-star talent, including Francis Manapul, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, Leah Williams, Max Dunbar, Clayton Henry, Tim Seeley, and Marguerite Sauvage. Fan-favorite heroes throughout the DC Universe will be heavily invested in uncovering the secrets behind the Lazarus Resin.

"Power Girl is part of the team that tries to free Earth's magical artifacts from the Tower of Fate, where Nezha has imprisoned them," Waid explains. "Poison Ivy, on the other hand, is part of the team exploring one of Ra's al Ghul's mountain headquarters looking for clues to counteract the resin. Ra's was aware of her background as a brilliant biochemist who, like him, is eager to reestablish a working ecosystem before our planet succumbs to global war."

"THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS ARE EMBRACING THAT FREEDOM TO DO SOME OF THE BEST WORK..."



"The writers and artists are embracing that freedom to do some of the best work I've seen in a long time," Waid continues. "Everyone's been incredibly cooperative and willing to toss ideas back and forth to make their own stories even better."

The full scope of the story starts out in *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* and continues in the one-shot tie-ins *Lazarus Planet: Assault on Krypton*, *Lazarus Planet: We Were Once Gods*, *Lazarus Planet: Dark Fate*, *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution*, and *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn*—all leading to the fateful finale in *Lazarus Planet: Omega* and the aftermath in *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods*.

After the events of Lazarus Planet, the gods of the Multiverse decide to take down the heroes they once called champions and the world they've sworn to protect.

The team of gods is led by Earth-0's wizard Shazam, who has been granted a vision from the Lazarus Resin the likes of which he has never seen before.

As if major changes to existing heroes and the introduction of all-new ones weren't enough, Lazarus Planet has a ton of surprises in store for even the most hardcore DC fan. "There's a fusion of Cyborg and Blue Beetle, a key role for Blue Devil, the mightiest bolt of Shazam lightning in history, Swamp Thing vs. Nezha, and a really, really, really ugly turn for Batman," Waid teases.

"Mark's premise for Lazarus Planet is so fun, the rest of us can't help but respond with all the creativity we can muster," Yang says. "Even as a fan, I can't wait to read what everyone's come up with."

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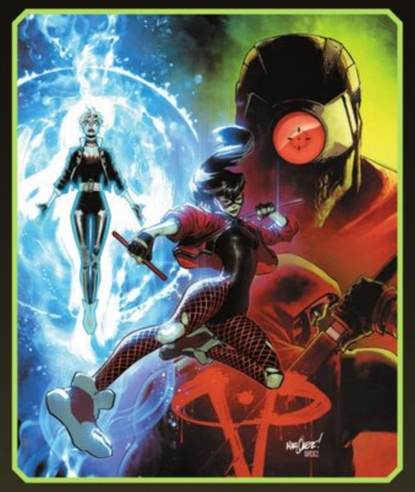
LAZARUS RAINS DOWN!

LAZARUS PLANET: ASSAULT ON KRYPTON

Written by: Nicole Maines, C.S. Pacat, Frank Barbiere, and Leah Williams

Art by: Skylar Patridge, Scott Godlewski, Sami Basri, and Marguerite Sauvage

With the world in chaos and Lazarus raining from the skies, the Earth's protectors from Krypton are hit hard, and the heroes will never be the same again.



LAZARUS PLANET: NEXT EVOLUTION

Written by: Ram V, Brandon T. Snider, Chuck Brown, and Delilah S. Dawson

Art by: Lalit Kumar Sharma, Laura Braga, Alitha Martinez and Mark Morales, and Ro Stein and Ted Brandt

Amazing new powers have been gifted to the freedom fighters of the future. What perils will these villain-vanquishing virtuosos face alongside a brand-new legend, The Vigil?

LAZARUS PLANET: WE WERE ONCE GODS

Written by: Francis Manapul, Dan Watters, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, and Josie Campbell

Art by: Francis Manapul, Max Dunbar, Jack Herbert, and Caitlin Yarsky

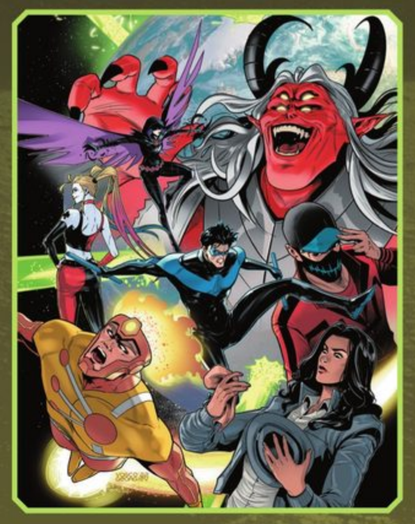
The gods are in for some big changes as Lazarus rain beats down upon the Earth. Explore the Lazarus Planet's effect on DC Universe's extraordinary creatures and locations involving the Shazam Family and the Rock of Eternity.

LAZARUS PLANET: DARK FATE

Written by: Tim Seeley, Dennis Culver, A.L. Kaplan, and Alyssa Wong

Art by: Baldemar Rivas, Chris Burnham, A.L. Kaplan, and Haining

Who are the new villains created by the Lazarus rain and what heroes can stop them? A sinister threat will bring a new chapter to the Doom Patrol while a new danger lurks in the dark corners of the Spirit World for new character Xanthe?



LAZARUS PLANET: LEGENDS REBORN

Written by: Alex Segura, Greg Pak, Alex Paknadel, and Dennis Culver

Art by: Clayton Henry, Minkyu Jung, Christopher Mitten, and Jesús Merino

Heroes and villains long forgotten return! Nightwing and the new hero City Boy go on a quest to save Gotham from a surge of fantastical power that will affect the DC Universe forevermore!

LAZARUS PLANET: REVENGE OF THE GODS

(COVER COMING SOON)

Written by: G. Willow Wilson

Art by: Cian Tormey & Caitlin Yarsky

The wizard Shazam has teamed up with the Quintessence to regain control of their champions. Shazam and Wonder Woman must work together and defeat the gods as they risk losing their powers for good.

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

DC UNIVERSE LAZARUS PLANET

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JANUARY

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- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: We Were Once Gods #1*
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn #1*
- ☐ *Monkey Prince #10*

FEBRUARY

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution #1*
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MARCH

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